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#### VIA ECFS AND FEDERAL EXPRESS

Marlene H. Dortch Office of the Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th St., S.W. Washington, DC 20554

Re: AT&T Corp. v. Great Lakes Commc'n Corp., Docket No. 16-170,

File No. EB-16-MD-001

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Great Lakes Communication Corp. ("Great Lakes"), I have enclosed for filing the **Public Version** of its Post-Discovery Brief. As contemplated by the Commission's rules and the Protective Order entered in connection with the File noted above, all confidential and highly confidential information has been redacted from this **Public Version**.

Great Lakes is separately filing via overnight delivery hard copies of the **Confidential and Highly Confidential Versions** of its Brief. In addition, copies of all versions of the submission are being served electronically on AT&T's counsel, and courtesy copies are also being provided electronically to the Commission's Enforcement Bureau.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph P. Bowser

COUNSEL FOR GREAT LAKES COMMUNICATION CORP.

**Enclosure** 

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# Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of

AT&T CORP. One AT&T Way Bedminster, NJ 07921 (202) 457-3090

Complainant,

v. File No. EB-16-MD-001

GREAT LAKES COMMUNICATION CORP. 1501 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue, W Spencer, IA 51301 (712) 580-4700

Defendant.

# GREAT LAKES COMMUNICATION CORP.'S POST-DISCOVERY BRIEF

In accordance with the Staff-approved Supplemental Joint Statement on Discovery and Scheduling submitted by the parties on December 12, 2016, Defendant Great Lakes

Communication Corp. ("Great Lakes" or "GLCC") respectfully submits this brief on the discovery that Complainant AT&T Corp. ("AT&T") has provided in this proceeding.<sup>1</sup>

### I. GLCC-ATT 1

AT&T is complaining that it was somehow unjust and unreasonable for Great Lakes to not reengineer its network to accommodate a non-existent "direct connection" for AT&T so that AT&T could bypass the FCC-approved Centralized Equal Access provider in Iowa (INS).

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See AT&T Corp.'s Responses to First Set of Interrogatories (Nov. 18, 2016), which AT&T revised on December 12, 2016 and supplemented on December 21, 2016.

Great Lakes explained in its Legal Analysis the various reasons why AT&T's demand that Great Lakes provide it a "direct connection" is flawed as a matter of law. Legal Analysis § I. AT&T's discovery responses have confirmed that the alternative connection that AT&T wanted Great Lakes to establish did not exist as a matter of fact, and that AT&T never offered to compensate Great Lakes for the substantial investment that AT&T wanted Great Lakes to undertake. As Mr. Starkey explains in his accompanying declaration, even if [[BEGIN] CONFIDENTIAL]] . [[END CONFIDENTIAL]] See Exhibit 1, Starkey Dec. ¶¶ 5-12. [[BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL]] **CONFIDENTIAL**]] It is likewise misleading and inaccurate for AT&T to suggest that Great Lakes' refusal to capitulate to [[BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL]]

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AT&T has no right to demand a direct connect from Great Lakes. But even if it did, it has fallen woefully short in establishing that, as a matter of fact, it was capable of and willing to establish one.

# II. GLCC-ATT 2

| AT&T's response to Great Lakes' Interrogatory No. 2 highlights that AT&T has done                 |
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| next to nothing to seek out alternate transport providers for its Great Lakes-bound traffic.      |
| AT&T's Mr. Habiak sent one email to a representative of a company called [[BEGIN                  |
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| [[END CONFIDENTIAL]] Exhibit 2 (J. Nelson Dep. 15:20-16:10).                                      |
| Second, the notion that Great Lakes would not entertain the possibility of terminating            |
| AT&T's traffic via a least-cost router is contradicted by the undisputed facts. As noted in Great |
| Lakes' discovery responses (see Response to ATT-GLCC 13) and Mr. Nelson's declaration             |
| submitted with Great Lakes' Answer, Great Lakes entered into a contract with [[BEGIN              |
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**CONFIDENTIAL**]] the record is clear that AT&T could have used numerous alternative, *existing* network connections for the termination of its Great Lakes-bound traffic.

AT&T is wrong, factually and legally, in concluding this interrogatory response as follows: "although AT&T investigated certain options other than INS for delivering its traffic to GLCC, GLCC either rejected those options, or AT&T concluded that the rates offered for those options were less attractive than the rate at which AT&T is entitled under law; namely, the CenturyLink direct connection rates." AT&T Responses at 11. Great Lakes has not rejected AT&T's other "options," and AT&T is not entitled to a direct connection "under law," and certainly not for one that does not exist and that AT&T appears to think someone else should build for its benefit.

### III. GLCC-ATT 4

| Rounding out its sophistry, AT&T disingenuously attempts to minimize the significance |
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| of its own [[BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL]]   |
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**CONFIDENTIAL**] Exhibit 21 (to Answer) at 3 (ATT0001198).

AT&T claims that this is not a "policy," but is instead a "protocol," or a "template."

AT&T Responses at 15-16. Although the Interrogatory responses are verified by Mr. Habiak, when asked in his deposition why the [[BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL]]

[[END CONFIDENTIAL]] Mr. Habiak, who did not draft the document, testified [[BEGIN HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL]]

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HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL] Exhibit 3 (Habiak Dep. 173:23-174:18; id. at 175:15-176:3).

Regardless of whether it is a "policy," a "protocol" or a "template," AT&T only gives a single example of requesting a direct connect with a CLEC in [[BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL]]

[[END CONFIDENTIAL]] and the CLEC, consistent with well-settled law, "declined to provide the facilities." AT&T Responses at 16 n.6. This

with well-settled law, "declined to provide the facilities." AT&T Responses at 16 n.6. This response merely confirms that AT&T does not sincerely maintain that it is entitled, as a matter of law, to demand a direct connect from CLECs. The response merely recites a host of factors that AT&T considers in deciding whether to pursue unregulated services from CLECs willing to provide them on terms that they believe justify the voluntary investment that AT&T is asking them to undertake.

DATED: January 10, 2017

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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on January 10, 2017, I caused a copy of the foregoing Post-

**Discovery Brief** to be served as indicated in brackets below to the following:

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| 1       | <b>Declaration of Michael Starkey</b> (January 10, 2017)                        |  |  |  |
|         | *CONFIDENTIAL MATERIALS OMITTED*  |  |  |  |
| 2       | Excerpted pages from the deposition of Josh Nelson, on behalf of Great Lakes    |  |  |  |
|         | Communication Corp., in CenturyLink, Inc. v. Alpine AudioNow, LLC, et al., Case |  |  |  |
|         | 1:15-cv-01973-MSK-KLM, (August 11, 2016)  |  |  |  |
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| 3       | Excerpted pages from the deposition of John Habiak (Tr. 171-180) (November      |  |  |  |
|         | 13, 2014)   |  |  |  |
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# **EXHIBIT 1**

Declaration of Michael Starkey (January 10, 2017)

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Defendants,

File No. EB-16-MD-001

### **DECLARATION OF MICHAEL STARKEY**

I, Michael Starkey, declare as follows:

1. I am the President and founding partner of QSI Consulting, Inc. ("QSI"). I have worked as a professional in the telecommunications industry since 1991 (roughly 25 years). Since 1996 I have worked as a consultant for numerous communications companies (AT&T, Charter, Comcast, Level 3, Sprint, T-Mobile, etc.) and other industry stakeholders (*e.g.* U.S. Department of Defense, state regulatory agencies, etc.). Prior to that, I served as the Director of Telecommunications for the Maryland Public Service Commission ("PSC") and as an economist for other state agencies authorized to regulate intrastate telecommunications markets: *i.e.*, the Illinois Commerce Commission and the Missouri PSC. A more thorough description of my background, including a copy of my

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| curriculum vitae, was included with my September 15, 2016 Declaration in this same              |
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| matter.   |
| 2. I have personal knowledge of the facts and conclusions set forth below, and                  |
| if called as a witness, I could and would competently testify to the following.                 |
| 3. I have reviewed recent discovery responses submitted by AT&T                                 |
| Corporation ("AT&T") in this matter (as revised by AT&T on December 12, 2016). I've             |
| been asked by Counsel for Great Lakes Communication Corporation ("GLCC") to                     |
| reconcile AT&T's most recent responses with my prior Declaration. Specifically, I was           |
| asked whether any of the additional information provided by AT&T changes my opinion             |
| that Mr. Habiak <sup>1</sup> overstated the "savings" he and AT&T associate with a hypothetical |
| "direct trunked transport" ("DTT") arrangement that might be constructed between the            |
| AT&T and GLCC networks.   |
| 4. The additional information provided by AT&T does not change my opinion                       |
| In fact, the correspondence provided by AT&T between itself and [[BEGIN                         |
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| . [[END CONFIDENTIAL]] The fact that Mr. Habiak   |
| in Exhibit 91 assumes away those additional costs (and the time required to build those         |
| facilities) is a major flaw in his analysis.  |
| 5. Below I describe the fact that, contrary to AT&T's assertions, <b>[[BEGIN</b> ]              |
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| 3  | CONFIDENTIAL]] Before I reach that topic, however, I want to note that AT&T's          |
| 4  | additional discovery responses do not impact any of my other concerns regarding Mr.    |
| 5  | Habiak's and AT&T's analysis of its potential savings from such an arrangement. For    |
| 6  | example, I previously discussed the material differences between "tandem switched      |
| 7  | transport" services, which are purchased by AT&T on an as-needed, per-minute-of-use    |
| 8  | basis, and DTT, which requires AT&T to engineer necessary capacity and bear the        |
| 9  | operational and financial risks of those decisions. I demonstrated that Mr. Habiak's   |
| 10 | analysis ignores these complexities by making a simplistic, and ultimately misleading, |
| 11 | assumption that AT&T's traffic to GLCC would be relatively constant, predictable and   |
| 12 | distributed evenly throughout a given day or month [[BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL]]              |
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| 19 | [[END CONFIDENTIAL]] Nothing in AT&T's most recent discovery responses                 |
| 20 | resolves these flaws in Mr. Habiak's analysis.   |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Digital Service 3 ("DS3"), nomenclature describing a digital connection with a capacity equal to roughly 45Mbs or 672 voice grade channels.

<sup>3</sup> Starkey Declaration (September 15, 2016), pgs. 4-8.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> *Id.*, pg. 10.

| 1 2   | CenturyLink Did Not Tell AT&T it Could Connect AT&T to GLCC's End Office in Spencer   |
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| 3   | 6. AT&T provides the following statement in its Revised Responses:  |
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|   | <sup>5</sup> AT&T Response, GLCC-AT&T 1 ( <i>AT&amp;T Corp.'s Responses to First Set of Interrogatories</i> , December 12, 2016, hereafter "Revised Responses," pg. 7). Emphasis added. <sup>6</sup> See, e.g., ATT0000219, ATT0000738 [[BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL]] |

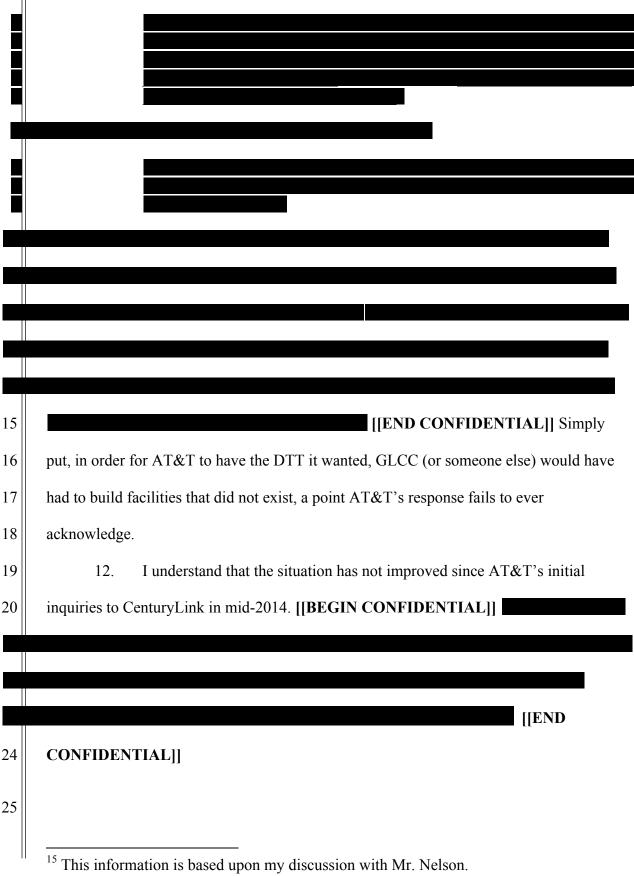
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| 8  | 8. For purposes of the remainder of the discussion, I've provided a simple             |
| 9  | diagram in order to highlight the fundamental flaw in AT&T's reasoning (and the highly |
| 10 | misleading nature of its response). [[BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL]]                             |
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| <sup>8</sup> ATT0002346  |   | FIDENTIAL]]  |
| <sup>9</sup> It is not uncommon for CFA to also be described as "Channel Facility Assignment" "Connecting Facility Assignment." In short, it is a designated location on a frame (or equivalent) that provides the ability for one facility to connect to another. When accompanied with an LOA (LOA/CFA), it most often describes a third party connect | t uncommon for CFA to also be described<br>ting Facility Assignment." In short, it is a<br>nt) that provides the ability for one facility | designated location on a frame (or to connect to another. When |

|    | [[END CONFIDENTIAL]] As I described in my prior   |
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| 17 | Declaration, those costs would likely have been substantial, and importantly, would have  |
| 18 | been duplicative of facilities GLCC already maintains between itself and its chosen tandem  |
|    | <ul> <li>My understanding is based upon my January 4, 2017 discussion with GLCC's CEO, Mr. Nelson, regarding network connections he maintains (or maintained) between GLCC's Spencer end office and the CenturyLink tandem office.</li> <li>Using a Time Division Multiplexed ("TDM") architecture (the type of connection discussed by AT&amp;T and CenturyLink), 1 DS1 wills support 24 voice grade channels. A DS3 supports 28 DS1s for a total of 672 voice grade channels per DS3. AT&amp;T requested</li> </ul> |

provider – INS. 12 1 With the information above in mind, reconsider AT&T's discovery 2 11. response discussed earlier: [[BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL]] 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 <sup>12</sup> Starkey Declaration (September 15, 2016), pgs. 8-9. <sup>13</sup> AT&T Response, GLCC-AT&T 1 (AT&T Corp. 's Responses to First Set of Interrogatories, December 12, 2016, hereafter "Revised Responses," pg. 7). Emphasis added. <sup>14</sup> ATT0002348



# **EXHIBIT 2**

Excerpted pages from the deposition of Josh Nelson, on behalf of Great Lakes Communication Corp., in CenturyLink, Inc. v. Alpine AudioNow, LLC, Case 1:15-cv-01973-MSK-KLM, (August 11, 2016)

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1 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 1 FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO 2 3 CENTURYLINK, INC., ) 1:15-cv-01973-MSK-KLM4 Plaintiff, ) CONFIDENTIAL AND 5 ) PURSUANT TO ) PROTECTIVE ORDER vs. 6 ALPINE AUDIONOW, LLC, ) ) VIDEOTAPED WEB TELARIS ENHANCED SERVICES, LLC, ) DEPOSITION OF 8 and BLUETONE ) JOSH NELSON COMMUNICATIONS, LLC, ) 9 ) 10 Defendants. ) 11 ) 12 13 14 The Videotaped Web Deposition of 15 JOSH NELSON taken at Great Lakes 16 Communications, 1501 35th Avenue West, 17 18 Spencer, Iowa, on the 11th day of August, 19 2016, commencing at 10:42 a.m., and 20 portions of the proceedings deemed 21 confidential and pursuant to a protective 22 order. 23

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MS. KELLY: This is Heather Kelly 1 on behalf of Alpine AudioNow. 2 MR. MASSARO: This is Adam Massaro 3 on behalf of Bluetone Communications. And as far as stipulating to join each other's 5 objections so that we don't have to repeat them every time. 7 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Thank you. 8 Will the reporter please swear in the 9 witness. 10 \* \* \* \* 11 **IOSH NELSON** 12 being first duly sworn by the court 13 reporter, was examined and testified as 14 follows: 15 **EXAMINATION** 16 BY MR. KORNEFFEL: 17 **Q.** Would you please state your full 18 name for the record. 19 A. My full name is Joshua D., Dean, 20 sorry, D-e-a-n, Nelson. 21

**Q.** And what is your profession, sir?

A. I am the owner of Great Lakes

**Q.** And how long have you owned Great

Lakes Communication?

Communication.

A. Since it was started in late 2004 or early 2005.

**Q.** And, sir, you live in Spencer, Iowa; is that correct?

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**Q.** Mr. Nelson, I think that we'll be 7 fairly quick today for the deposition. Just a couple of quick ground rules with 9 the video deposition, it is a little bit 10 more tricky, so we do need to speak 11 slowly. Try not to speak over each other so that the court reporter can capture our **13** words. If you have a question or you

don't understand what I'm asking, by all 15 means please tell me and we can rephrase

16 the question and we'll work our way 17

through it. Otherwise if you answer the 18 question, I'll assume that you understand 19

what I'm asking about. Is that fair? 20

A. Yes.

**Q.** Okay. And you have been deposed before, sir, is that right?

A. I have.

**Q.** And so you need to make sure that

1 you answer verbally rather than head shakes so that the court reporter can take it down as well as uh-huhs and huh-uhs, those kind of things don't transcribe very well. I just violated that rule, but those things don't work very well. Is 6 that all fair as well?

A. It is.

**Q.** Okay. Mr. Nelson, you understand that you are today sitting for this deposition as a corporate representative of your company, Great Lakes?

A. I do.

**Q.** Okay. And I believe that there are some exhibits that we sent you or that -- that we sent last night, including a deposition notice as well as some of the contracts between Great Lakes and AudioNow. Do you have those in front of you?

A. I do.

**Q.** Let's quickly turn to the -- to the deposition notice, with the areas, the categories, and we should mark that as Deposition Exhibit 1 with the court

reporter. 1

(Exhibit 1 was marked.)

**COURT REPORTER: Deposition** Exhibit 1 marked.

**Q.** You have seen that Notice before, sir?

A. I have.

**Q.** And that's the Notice that you're prepared to answer or respond to questions on behalf of Great Lakes for; is that right?

A. Yes.

**Q.** And to prepare or to make sure that you're prepared to be able to answer those questions pursuant to that Notice, could you please describe what you did to, I guess, investigate the areas, the categories that are requested there.

A. For the most part, I looked through the questions and supplied exhibits, whatever. And that's really about it, I guess.

**Q.** Okay. You are personally aware of

the relationship between Great Lakes and AudioNow; is that right, sir? 2 A. Iam. 3 **Q.** Can you tell me approximately how 4 many employees Great Lakes has? 5 A. Direct employees, say, this 6 company has like 14, I believe. **Q.** And -- and -- and can you -- and 8 approximately how many customers -colocation type customers such as AudioNow 10 does Great Lakes have? 11 A. Roughly --12 MR. BOWSER: Objection. Vague. 13 A. -- 25 to 30. 14 **Q.** And -- and of those, is AudioNow 15 one of the larger of the customers from 16 **Great Lakes?** 17 A. They're -- they're in the top 25 18 percent, but -- I suppose you could say. 19 **Q.** And can you tell me approximately 20 how big a customer, in terms of annual 21 dollars, Great Lakes -- I'm sorry --22 AudioNow is for Great Lakes? 23 A. Roughly, let's see. 24 MS. KELLY: I'm going to object on 25 11 the right of confidentiality and privacy 1 of the financial record. 2 MR. KORNEFFEL: You can go ahead 3 and mark the transcript as confidential under the protective order until such time as we can delineate the specific designations pursuant to the protective 7 order. That's fine. 8 9 10 **Q.** And it has been that way since 11 2012? 12 A. No. It's -- well, I don't know if 13 it's increased. It's gone up and down so it's not always the same. 15 **Q.** Okay. Did you go back and look at 16 any of the contract files between Great 17 Lakes and AudioNow as part of your 18

preparation for this deposition? A. I did. I do. Yep. **Q.** And are those in your office, the contract files? A. They're --**Q.** Your personal office, sir. A. No. They're -- sorry. I was

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12 going to say, they're scanned on a server. **Q.** Did you talk to anybody at 2 AudioNow in preparation for the 3 deposition? 4 A. No. 5 **Q.** Very briefly --6 MR. BOWSER: I'm sorry, I couldn't 7 hear your question. 8 MR. KORNEFFEL: My question was 9 whether he spoke to anybody from AudioNow 10 in preparation for the deposition. And he 11 said no. 12 MR. BOWSER: I heard that one, but **13** then I saw your lips moving, but I got no 14 audio, so I didn't know if there was a **15** lag. 16 MR. KORNEFFEL: Sometimes I do 17 that, Joe. It's a little trick I have. 18 MR. BOWSER: Okay. 19 **Q.** Mr. Nelson, very briefly, could 20 you tell me what your educational 21 experience is. 22 A. I graduated from Terril High 23 School. I attended Iowa Lakes University 24 -- Iowa Lakes Community College for two 13 years. Then I took -- I graduated from Buena Vista University with a business and management. 4 **Q.** And how about your professional 5 vou could describe that. 7 8

degree and I majored in entrepreneurship

background, your employment background, if

A. Sure. I directly out of high school started working for a phone company. And then I left that phone company to work for a fiberoptic company for two or three years. And in 2000 I worked for a large municipal telephone company for six or seven years until I started Great Lakes Communication.

**Q.** Okay. We talked a bit -- we talked a second about how many employees Great Lakes has. Can you tell me how many facilities Great Lakes has?

# A. What do you mean?

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MR. BOWSER: Objection. Vague as 21 to facilities. 22

**Q.** Can you answer that, sir?

A. I don't know what you're talking about.

**Q.** Okay. 1

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MR. BOWSER: Same objection.

- **Q.** How many offices does Great Lakes 3 have? 4
  - A. We have one main office.
- **Q.** And how many colocation facilities 6 does Great Lakes have?
  - A. One.
- **Q.** And where is that colocation 9 facility located? 10
  - A. I don't know the exact address, but it's on Highway 9 next to the town of Lake Park, Iowa.
  - **Q.** How large is that colocation facility?
  - A. The colocation facility itself probably houses 40 racks. It's 3,000 square feet in the inside.
  - **Q.** Is that owned by Great Lakes or does Great Lakes, I guess, lease that from somebody else?
  - A. It -- it's actually owned by another LLC that Great Lakes -- and then Great Lakes leases it from them.
    - **Q.** Okay. Let's talk about a couple

of the entities that are involved in this

case. First of all, have you looked at 2

the complaint in this matter, Mr. Nelson? 3

A. I did. I did, yes.

**Q.** And in the complaint there are a couple of defendants in addition to Alpine AudioNow. And we've already established 7 the relationship, and we'll talk about it more, between Great Lakes and AudioNow, 9 but I'd also like to quickly identify 10 other defendants in this case and make

11 sure that we have the testimony clean on it. **13** 

One is called Telaris Enhanced Services Inc., LLC. Does Great Lakes have or has it ever had any kind of business relationship with Telaris Enhanced Services, LLC?

- A. No, not that I know of.
- **Q.** Does Great Lakes know who Telaris is? Do you know where that company is or ever heard of the company?
- A. No, not until I received this complaint had I known who they were.
  - **Q.** Okay. How about the other

- defendant, Bluetone Communications, LLC,
- does Great Lakes have any relationship or
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- A. Not that I know of, no.
- **Q.** And have you ever heard of them prior to this -- seeing the complaint in this matter?
- A. No, not until I read this and then I looked, so --
- **Q.** Okay. Now Mr. Nelson, the two companies that we were just talking about are companies that for a period were interconnected -- had the interconnection services and Great Lakes is a local exchange service carrier. Is that right?

MR. MASSARO: This is Adam Massaro. Objection. Form.

- A. We are a CLEC, so we're a competitive local exchange carrier.
- **Q.** Okay. And as a CLEC, do you connect to interexchange carriers for long-distance calls?
  - A. Yes.
  - **Q.** And is there one particular

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interconnection service that Great Lakes

uses for its long-distance calls?

MR. BOWSER: Objection. Vague.

- A. We use all the IXCs, I guess, if that's what -- so IXCs are long-distance carriers. So we use all the long-distance carriers.
  - **Q.** So all the IXCs can connect in through -- to your facility?
    - A. Yes. Yeah.
- **Q.** And what is Great Lakes connection to Iowa Network Services?
- A. Iowa -- Iowa Network Services is our centralized equal access provider.
- **Q.** So what does that mean for Great Lakes?
- A. So the long distance carriers connect to -- excuse me -- Iowa -- INS --INS hauls the calls to Great Lakes.
- **Q.** So all calls that come from IXCs can float through INS to Great Lakes?
  - A. Correct.

MR. BOWSER: Objection. Misstates the testimony.

A. Well --

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| 1   | motivation for bringing those actions?  | 1   | CERTIFICATE OF DEPONENT   |
| 2   | MS. KELLY: Yes.   | 2   | I, JOSH NELSON, the undersigned   |
| 3   | MR. BOWSER: Other than money?   | 3   | deponent, hereby state under oath that I  |
| 4   | MS. KELLY: Correct.   | 4   | did read the foregoing pages of   |
| 5   | THE WITNESS: Just to stop the   | 5   | transcript; that any corrections I want to  |
| 6   | fraud, right. So  | 6   | make to the foregoing pages of transcript   |
| 7   | MS. KELLY: Those are all my   | 7   | have been set out on the foregoing  |
| 8   | questions.  | 8   | Addendum; and that I have indicated the   |
| 9   | MR. KORNEFFEL: Mr. Nelson, thank  | 9   | correction itself and the page and line   |
| 10  | you. Mr. Bowser, thank you. And I guess   | 10  | number of the correction, if any.   |
| 11  | that's all we have. Do you need anything  | 11  | In witness whereof, I hereunto affix  |
| 12  | else, court reporter, from us right now?  | 12  | my signature this day of  |
| 13  | COURT REPORTER: No. Thank you.  | 13  | 2016, before the undersigned Notary Public  |
| 14  | MR. KORNEFFEL: Okay. Thank you,   | 14  | ,   |
| 15  | everybody. Have a nice day. Thank you   | 15  |   |
| 16  | for arranging the video.  | 16  | Deponent's Signature  |
| 17  | THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This now  | 17  | 1 0   |
| 18  | concludes today's video deposition of Josh  | 18  | I did witness the above signature on  |
| 19  | D. Nelson, in the matter of CenturyLink,  | 19  | this day of, 2016, in   |
| 20  | Incorporated versus Alpine AudioNow, LLC,   | 20  | the City of, County   |
| 21  | et al. We are now off the record. The   | 21  | of, State of  |
| 22  | time is 12:56 p.m.  | 22  |   |
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| 24  | concluded at 12:56 p.m.)  | 24  | Notary Public   |
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| 1  | financially interested in the action.      |
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| 2  | A copy of this transcript is kept by       |
| 3  | me on a computer backup system and will be |
| 4  | retained for five years from today's date  |
| 5  | unless requested by the parties to be      |
| 6  | retained longer.                           |
| 7  | I have hereunto subscribed my name at      |
| 8  | Sioux City, Iowa, Woodbury County, on this |
| 9  | 20th day of August, 2016, certifying the   |
| 10 | foregoing deposition.                      |
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| 21 | If you make no corrections, please         |
| 22 | indicate "No Corrections."                 |
| 23 | TO THE COLLOIDS.                           |
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| 25 | for the                                    |
| 20 | Deponent's Signature                       |

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| 2  | I, JOSH NELSON, the undersigned  |
| 3  | deponent, hereby state under oath that I   |
| 4  | did read the foregoing pages of  |
| 5  | transcript; that any corrections I want to   |
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| 9  | correction itself and the page and line  |
| 10 | number of the correction, if any.  |
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# **EXHIBIT 3**

Excerpted pages from the deposition of John Habiak (November 13, 2014)

# HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL MATERIALS OMITTED

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#### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

#### WESTERN DIVISION

GREAT LAKES COMMUNICATION \* CORP.,

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Plaintiff, \* Case No.

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v. \* 5:13-cv-4117

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AT&T CORP.,

\*

Defendant. \*

HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL - ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY
November 13, 2014

Deposition of JOHN HABIAK,

9:25 a.m.

taken by the Defendant, pursuant to Notice and Rule 30(b)(6) notice, at the offices of AT&T Corp., One AT&T Way, Bedminster, New Jersey, before David Levy, CSR, RPR, CLR a Notary Public of the States of New York and New Jersey.

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### JOHN HABIAK - HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL - ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY

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| 1  | Habiak - Confidential - Attorneys' Eyes Only        |   |
| 2  | JOHN HABIAK, having been duly sworn                 |   |
| 3  | by the Notary Public, was examined and              |   |
| 4  | testified as follows:                               |   |
| 5  | EXAMINATION BY                                      |   |
| 6  | MR. BOWSER:   |   |
| 7  | Q. Good morning, Mr. Habiak.                        |   |
| 8  | A. Good morning.                                    |   |
| 9  | Q. We've met before, but for the record,            |   |
| 10 | my name is Joe Bowser. I represent Great Lakes      |   |
| 11 | Communication Corp. in this case.                   |   |
| 12 | Would you please state your name and                |   |
| 13 | business address for the record?                    |   |
| 14 | A. It's John Habiak, and it's                       |   |
| 15 | Bedminster One AT&T Way, Bedminster.                |   |
| 16 | Q. And the zip here?                                |   |
| 17 | A. 07921.   |   |
| 18 | Q. And that's where we are today,                   |   |
| 19 | correct?  |   |
| 20 | A. Yes, um-hum.                                     |   |
| 21 | Q. Despite the informal setting that                |   |
| 22 | we're in here today, the oath that you just gave to |   |
| 23 | the court reporter is the same one that you would   |   |
| 24 | give to a judge in a court of law, do you           |   |
| 25 | understand that?                                    |   |

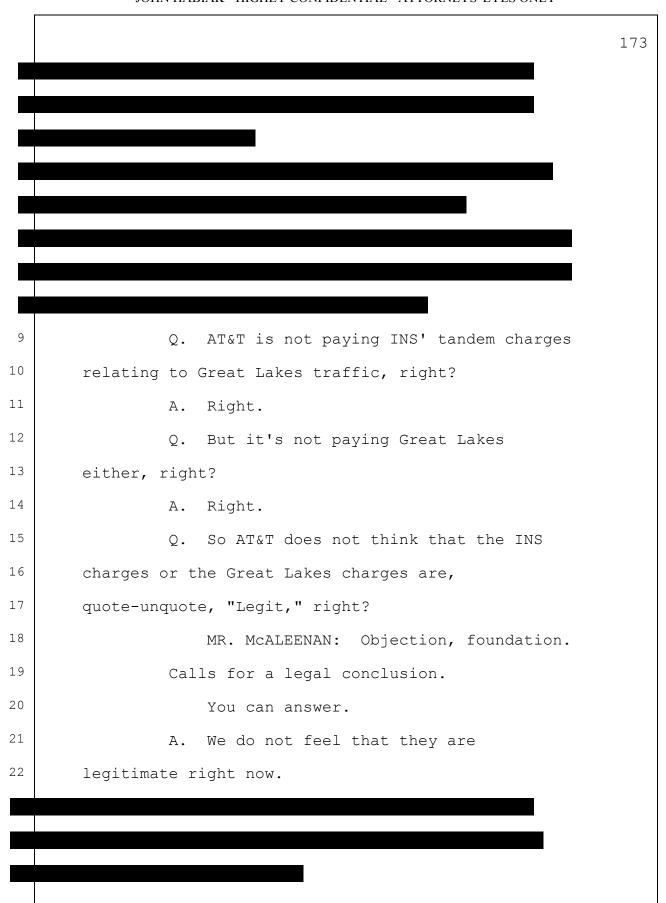
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| 1  | Habiak - Confidential - Attorneys' Eyes Only       |   |
| 2  | A. Yes.  |   |
| 3  | Q. And I understand that you've had your           |   |
| 4  | deposition taken before.                           |   |
| 5  | A. Yes.  |   |
| 6  | Q. Have you had your deposition taken              |   |
| 7  | before since we last met in 2012?                  |   |
| 8  | A. No.   |   |
| 9  | Q. Okay. So I'll just walk through some            |   |
| 10 | of the ground rules. The court reporter is taking  |   |
| 11 | down everything that we're saying, so things will  |   |
| 12 | flow from that.                                    |   |
| 13 | It's important that you let me please              |   |
| 14 | finish my question before you start your answer.   |   |
| 15 | And I'll do my best to let you finish your answer  |   |
| 16 | before I start my next question, okay?             |   |
| 17 | A. Um-hum.   |   |
| 18 | Q. And   |   |
| 19 | A. Yes.  |   |
| 20 | Q. There we go. That's the second one.             |   |
| 21 | We need audible verbal responses. So "uh-huhs" and |   |
| 22 | "uh-uhs" don't record very well in a transcript,   |   |
| 23 | and so we need to use yesses and nos, please.      |   |
| 24 | A. Right.  |   |
| 25 | Q. And if you need any clarification on            |   |

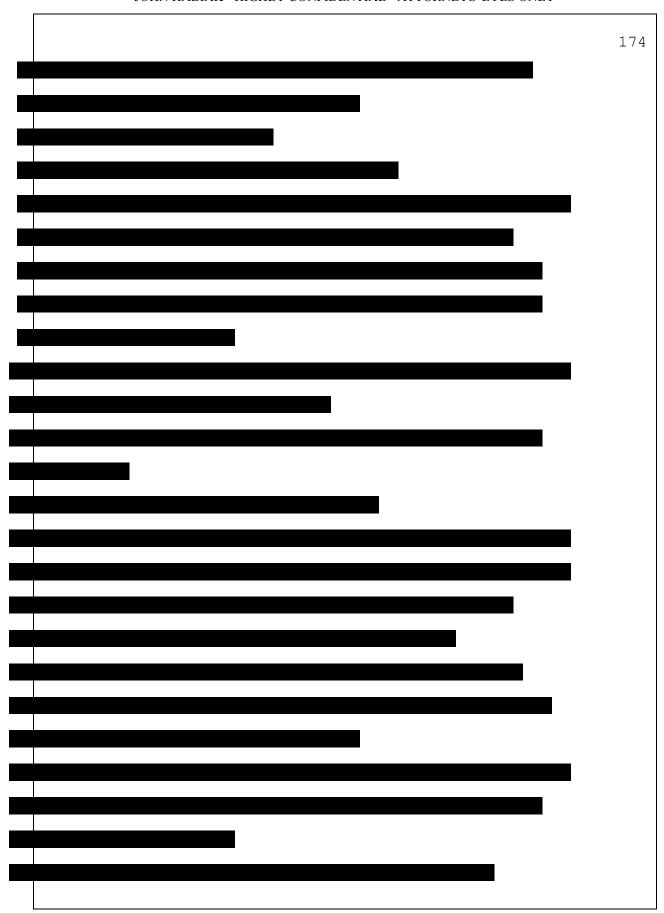
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| 1   | Habiak - Confidential - Attorneys' Eyes Only        |   |
| 2   | any of my questions, please just let me know and    |   |
| 3   | I'll do my best to explain the question.            |   |
| 4   | A. Okay.  |   |
| 5   | Q. Okay? And if I ask a question and                |   |
| 6   | there would be documents that would help you give a |   |
| 7   | better or more informed answer, please let me know  |   |
| 8   | what they are, and I may have them with me and be   |   |
| 9   | able to share them with you here, okay?             |   |
| LO  | A. Will do.   |   |
| L1  | Q. And if Mr. McAleenan interposes any              |   |
| L2  | objections, please give him a chance to do that,    |   |
| L3  | and unless he instructs not to answer, please go    |   |
| L 4 | ahead and answer my question.                       |   |
| L5  | A. Right.   |   |
| L6  | Q. And if you need a break at any time,             |   |
| L7  | just let me know. The only thing that I ask is      |   |
| L8  | that you answer any question that's on the table.   |   |
| L9  | A. Will do.   |   |
| 20  | Q. Okay. The court reporter has                     |   |
| 21  | premarked for us Deposition Exhibit GLCC number 1.  |   |
| 22  | EXH (Deposition Exhibit 1, amended                  |   |
| 23  | notice of 30(b)(6) deposition of AT&T               |   |
| 24  | Corp., marked for identification, as of             |   |
| 25  | this date.)   |   |

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| 1  | Habiak - Confidential - Attorneys' Eyes Only        |   |
| 2  | Q. I'm going to hand that to you. It's              |   |
| 3  | Great Lakes's amended notice of 30(b)(6) deposition |   |
| 4  | of AT&T Corp.                                       |   |
| 5  | MR. McALEENAN: And Joe, right here, I               |   |
| 6  | just wanted to note for the record that             |   |
| 7  | the parties have exchanged correspondence           |   |
| 8  | and objections regarding the notice that            |   |
| 9  | addressed the scope of the topics as well           |   |
| 10 | as specifically the topics that Mr. Habiak          |   |
| 11 | would be addressing, and that this                  |   |
| 12 | deposition here today is subject to that            |   |
| 13 | correspondence.                                     |   |
| 14 | MR. BOWSER: Understood. And I'll                    |   |
| 15 | walk through with Mr. Habiak what I                 |   |
| 16 | understand him to be here today in his              |   |
| 17 | capacity as an AT&T witness.                        |   |
| 18 | Q. And Mr. Habiak, do you understand that           |   |
| 19 | you're also here in your capacity as an individual  |   |
| 20 | fact witness?                                       |   |
| 21 | A. Yes.   |   |
| 22 | Q. When were you first asked to testify             |   |
| 23 | on AT&T's behalf in connection with this deposition |   |
| 24 | notice?   |   |
| 25 | A. Um maybe a month ago. I'm not                    |   |
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| 6  | MR. BOWSER: Seventeen, please.                   |     |
| 7  | EXH (Deposition Exhibit 17, e-mail               |     |
| 8  | chain Bates numbered ATT0000726, marked          |     |
| 9  | for identification, as of this date.)            |     |
| 10 | Q. You've just been handed what's been           |     |
| 11 | marked as Exhibit 17, which is Bates-stamped ATT |     |
| 12 | 726. And this fast forwards us about ten months  |     |
| 13 | here, or eight months, rather.                   |     |
| 14 | (Witness perusing document.)                     |     |
| 15 | A. Okay.   |     |
| 16 | Q. Have you had a chance to look at that?        |     |
| 17 | A. Um-hum.                                       |     |
| 18 | Q. Do you remember this e-mail exchange?         |     |
| 19 | A. Yup.  |     |
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| 2  | CERTIFICATE                             |     |
| 3  |   |     |
| 4  | I, DAVID LEVY, RPR, CSR, a              |     |
| 5  | Shorthand Reporter and Notary Public.   |     |
| 6  | within and for the States of New York   |     |
| 7  | and New Jersey, do hereby certify:      |     |
| 8  | That JOHN HABIAK, the witness           |     |
| 9  | whose deposition is hereinbefore set    |     |
| 10 | forth, was duly sworn by me and that    |     |
| 11 | such deposition is a true record of the |     |
| 12 | testimony given by the witness.         |     |
| 13 | I further certify that I am not         |     |
| 14 | related to any of the parties to this   |     |
| 15 | action by blood or marriage, and that I |     |
| 16 | am in no way interested in the outcome  |     |
| 17 | of this matter.                         |     |
| 18 | IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto     |     |
| 19 | set my hand this 19th day of November   |     |
| 20 | 2014.                                   |     |
| 21 |   |     |
| 22 | DAVID LEVY, CSR, RPR, CLR               |     |
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| 5  | I wish to make the following changes,             |     |
| 6  | for the following reasons:                        |     |
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| 8  | PAGE LINE   |     |
| 9  | 14:25 CHANGE: "Remote" to "Report"                |     |
| 10 | REASON: Typograpgical error                       |     |
| 11 | 15:22 CHANGE: "servers" to "facilities"           |     |
| 12 | REASON: Typographical error                       |     |
| 13 | 15:23 CHANGE: "servers" to "facilities"           |     |
| 14 | REASON: Typographical error                       |     |
| 15 | 27:12 CHANGE: Add "Bob Mulcahy" and "Dave Handal" |     |
| 16 | REASON:Clarify the record                         |     |
| 17 | 48:25 CHANGE: "No" to "Yes"                       |     |
| 18 | REASON:Clarify the record                         |     |
| 19 | 60:12 CHANGE: "CBE" to "CVE"                      |     |
| 20 | REASON: Typographical error                       |     |
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| 23 | WITNESS' SIGNATURE DATE                           |     |
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| 8  | PAGE LINE                             |     |
| 9  | 60:24 CHANGE: "CBE" to "CVE"          |     |
| 10 | REASON: Typographical error           |     |
| 11 | 149:5 CHANGE: "credit" to "current"   |     |
| 12 | REASON:Believed typographical error   |     |
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